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Whereas, The mission of the fire departments in Marion County is to provide an appropriate, a safe, and a professional response to fire, medical, and environmental emergencies;

Whereas, The members of Indiana's Task Force One proved themselves worthy of this lofty mission when they responded swiftly and professionally to the September 11, 2001, disaster in New York City;

Whereas, The team began its 16 hour journey to New York City from Indianapolis International Airport aboard three buses shortly after 5 p.m. September 11, 2001;

Whereas, The team took three semitrailer trucks carrying tools and equipment and two command vehicles to aid in its mission;

Whereas, Task Force One, organized through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), consisted of physicians, paramedics, engineers, damage-structure specialists, and search dogs and their handlers;

Whereas, Task Force One, one of more than two dozen task forces activated nationwide, consisted of members from nearly every fire department in Marion County, including 20



Indianapolis firefighters;

Whereas, The task force was assigned a three acre area of responsibility, which they searched using acoustic equipment and snake eye cameras;

Whereas, Indianapolis Fire Department Lieutenant Mark Rapp, team leader, displayed a hero's modesty echoed by the entire team when he downplayed the team's devotion to duty in the face of danger when he stated that: "The real heroes are the firefighters and police officers who stayed in the buildings.";

Whereas, FEMA's Paul Bailey, Franklin Township Fire Chief, reported that the team suffered one injury when Pike Township firefighter Steve Tardiff suffered second degree burns while carrying out his mission;

Whereas, Indiana's team worked tirelessly alongside firefighters from New York City and volunteers from other states searching for survivors; and

Whereas, It is the efforts of these brave men and women that help Americans realize that our great country cannot be destroyed by the actions of cowards: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring;*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to
- 2 acknowledge the bravery and heroic actions of Task Force One, which
- 3 was sent to New York City on September 11, 2001, to search for
- 4 survivors of the attack on the World Trade Center's Twin Towers.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Task Force
- 7 One members Tom Adams, Paul Bailey, Tim Baughman, Larry Byerly,
- 8 Art Cave, David Campbell, Noel Cecil, David Cook, Jim Curseaden,
- 9 J.C. Drexler, Robert Eads, Jr., Robert Eads, Ed Elrod, Stephanie Evers,
- 10 Ed Fenske, Mario Garza, Greg Gates, Gerald George, Charles Glessing,
- 11 Kenneth Grant, Barry Green, Bill Harrell, Chris Harrell, Gary Hay,
- 12 Greg Hess, Ellis Hinkle, Kevin Hobbs, Michael Kepp, William Landes,
- 13 Forrest Lawn, Scott Lebharz, Dan Linderman, Ian Marano, Jeff Martin,



1 Scott McCarty, Brian Mulhern, Thomas Neal, Richard Osland, Jr.,
2 Dave Owens, Greg Patterson, Richard Pohlman, Gene Ramano, Mark
3 Rapp, Mike Reeves, Justin Reuter, Keith Schinnerer, Sam Scott, Mary
4 Jean Seibert, Russell Shoaf, Willy Shoaf, Chris Starchaen, Matthew
5 Stewart, Paul Sullivan, Steve Tardiff, Terry Toffolo, Anne Trout, Rick
6 Van Sant, Marti Vanada, Blake Wallis, David Warren, Richard
7 Washington, Kenny Whitcomb, Garry Yeakle, and Tony Zintsmaster.

